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ROBBER OF 5 BANKS RECEIVES 100-MONTH SENTENCE

COLUMBUS – Andrew J. Morrison, age 43, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 100 months imprisonment for his involvement in five unarmed bank robberies in the greater Columbus area last year.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Michael H. Watson.

Grove City Police Officers arrested Morrison in October 2005 following a joint investigation by Columbus Police officers, Franklin County Sheriff Jim Karnes' Office, and the Lancaster Police Department. A federal grand jury indicted Morrison on October 27, 2005 on five counts of unarmed bank robbery. Morrison pleaded guilty to all five charges on February 3, 2006.

Morrison admitted robbing the following banks:

- National City Bank, 3500 W. Broad St., Columbus, on 10/11/2005;
- Key Bank, 3505 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, on 10/13/2005;
- National City Bank, 1435 W. Broad St., Columbus, on 10/15/2005;
- Key Bank, 211 Georgesville Rd., Columbus, on 10/17/2005; and
- Huntington Bank, 841 North Memorial Dr., Lancaster, Ohio on 10/17/2005.

Judge Watson also ordered Morrison to pay restitution to each bank he robbed and to undergo drug counseling in federal prison.

When he gets out, he will on federal supervised release for three years, during which he must submit to random drug testing. There is no parole at the federal level.

Morrison's wife is currently incarcerated for her involvement as the get-away driver in the Lancaster robbery.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by police officers, sheriff's deputies and FBI agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin W. Kelley who prosecuted the case.

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